

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

Arguayo-La Hoya Circular (Santiago del Teide)

Route Summary

This 6.6 km walk, with 487 m overall ascent, circles the rocky mass of Montaña La Hoya, its comms masts providing a compelling landmark over the west coast, and its El Bicho tunnels providing a gateway to the north. Always, the views to every side are absolutely tremendous.

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Route Overview

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Transport/Parking: Titsa 461/462 from Santiago del Teide. Easy parking in Arguayo near the start/end point.

Length: 6.630 km / 4.14 mi

Height Gain: 487 meter

Height Loss: 487 meter

Max Height: 1073meter

Min Height: 862 meter

Surface: Rough paths and roads, mostly.

Child Friendly: Yes, but only if children are used to strenuous uphill hikes on rough surfaces..

Difficulty: Moderate.

Dog Friendly: Yes.

Refreshments: El Unico Bar on Carretera General in Arguayo.



Description

Given clear conditions, walking in Tenerife is almost certainly guaranteed to provide good views along the way. The route for this walk is especially

characterised by marvellous views throughout, culminating in a fantastic 360° panorama from the summit of the La Hoya mountain. From here we look south-east all along the “medianías” (middle level, where the old towns and agricultural areas are, such as Guia de Isora) to faraway Roque del Conde, then down to the coastal settlements centred on Puerto Santiago on the west coast, and across shimmering seas to La Gomera. Walking around we have a stunning mountain landscape on the southern flank of the Teno Mountains, taking in the peaks of Guama, Risco Blanco, Ijada, Verde and Cruz de Gala. Then the vista opens up to Santiago del Teide, Puerto de Erjos, and Valle de Arriba, the picturesque gateway to “El Norte”. Sweeping around, Montaña Bilma heralds the lava



flows and pine woods of the Chinyero area, before our eyes are drawn to the magnificence of El Teide and its companion, Pico Viejo. Although less than 7 km, there is an overall ascent of nearly 500 m, providing for a vigorous half-day hike.

Waypoints

(1) Start walk by pottery museum and potters statues

(28.26883; -16.80812)

From the statues of women potters near the pottery museum in Arguayo cross the Carretera General (main road) and follow the path with concrete steps as it ascends past terraces onto Montaña La Hoya. Keep following the path as it works its way around the hillside, at first ascending, then eventually descending in the direction of Santiago del Teide, towards the north side of the Bicho tunnels and TF-1 autopista.



(2) Right up rough road to Las Manchas

(28.28259; -16.80705)

After 2 km, now following a stony path between dry-stone walls, and approaching a bridge over the TF-1 autopista, go right up the steep rough road to the village of Las Manchas. (2.0 km)



(3) Veer right up Calle San Isidro

(28.28377; -16.80257)

In 500 m, or so, having entered the lower section of Las Manchas at Calle los Manolos, veer right up Calle San Isidro at the first junction. (2.5 km)



(4) Right onto Calle los Pinos

(28.28350; -16.80166)

In 100 m, go right onto Calle los Pinos after passing the church. (2.6 km)



(5) Carry straight on past cross on wall

(28.28319; -16.80169)

In about 35 m, ignore the turning veering left and carry straight on past the wooden cross on the wall. Soon, the narrow street will give way to wide path, becoming narrower as you start to climb up the hillside of Montaña La Hoya. You will see a small white ermita building with tiled roof, at first high above you. This is your objective and next waypoint. (2.7 km)



(6) Turn right at back of ermita

(28.27872; -16.80174)

In 600 m, after checking out the Ermita del Santo Angel de la Guardia, return to the path that you ascended and turn right at the back wall of the ermita to continue your ascent of Montaña La Hoya. Soon, the path starts to level out as crosses the hill and takes you between the twin peaks of the mountain. At that point the path starts to descend steeply towards a rough access road for the masts at the hilltop. (3.3 km)



(7) Right and up rough road

(28.27451; -16.80708)

In 400 m, after descending to the hilltop access road, go right and up the rough road. (4.1 km)



(8) Re-trace steps downhill after checking out Hoya summit

(28.27262; -16.80886)

In 800 m, or so, of fairly steep ascent in places, you will want to explore the hilltop, with installed communication masts and associated buildings. On a good day, the views are tremendous in all directions! When you are ready, re-trace your steps downhill and carry on as the rough road leads you to the outskirts of Arguayo. (4.9 km)



(9) Right and down main road

(28.27131; -16.80493)

In 1.2 km, on meeting the Carretera General main road in Arguayo, turn right and follow the road downhill back towards your start-point. (6.1 km)



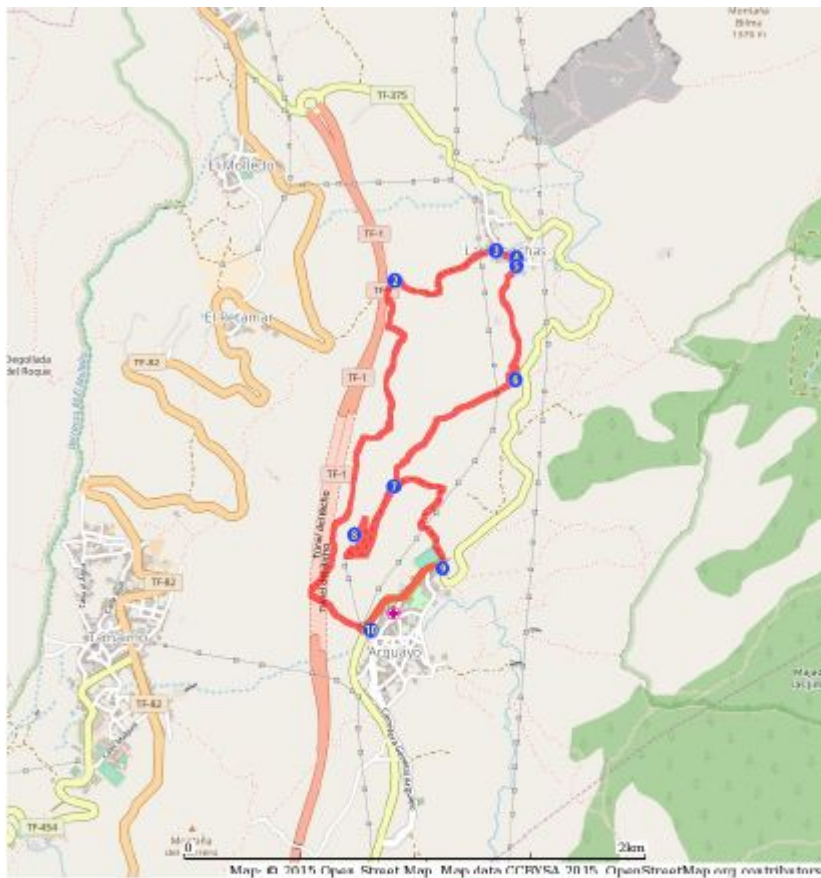
(10) Finish walk by potters statues

(28.26890; -16.80811)

In 500 m you have returned to your start-point by the statues of women potters. Take care crossing the Carretera General main road! (6.6 km)



Route Map



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